

# EQB Monitor

## EQB announcements and environmental review notices

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### ***EQB announcements***

#### **Implementing tools for climate adaptation and planning in Minnesota**

*Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series*

**Monday, May 23**

**1 – 2 p.m.**

[Join us using Webex](#)

Join a discussion of how responsible governmental units can use Minnesota climate data, resources and tools for environmental assessment worksheets. Featuring:

- Louise Miltich, Energy Program Director — Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Kenneth Blumenfeld, Senior Climatologist — Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Ecological and Water Resources' State Climatology Office

Throughout the [Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program](#), EQB is hosting a monthly speaker series open to anyone that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating climate information into environmental assessment worksheets.

#### **Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program**

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised environmental assessment worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts.

Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. [Register now!](#)

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please [sign-up here](#).

## ***Environmental review notices***



### **Environmental review project notices**

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

#### **Otter and Campbell Lakes Restoration**

**Location:** McLeod, Renville, and Meeker County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** Environmental assessment worksheet available

**End of comment period:** June 2, 2022

**Project description:** The City of Hutchinson is proposing to restore the 650-acre Otter and Campbell Lakes and portions of the South Fork Crow River. This restoration will include sediment trapping, stream bank and wetland restoration in contributing watersheds, native lakeshore buffer, habitat improvements, forebay construction, removal of sediment accumulated in the lakes, and recreational and accessibility improvements.

**Link to public documents:** [Otter and Campbell Lakes Restoration EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Hutchinson City Hall, 111 Hassan St SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Hutchinson, [Kent Exner](#), 320-234-4212

## Canterbury Park Eastern Development

**Location:** Shakopee, Scott County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet

**Step:** Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered)

**Record of decision date:** April 19, 2022

**Link to public documents:** No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

**Location of public documents:** Shakopee City Hall, 485 Gorman Street, Shakopee, MN 55379

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Shakopee, [Michael Kerski](#), 952-233-9346

## Afton Alps Trout Brook Stream Restoration - Phase III

**Location:** Hastings, Washington County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet

**Step:** Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered)

**Record of decision date:** April 12, 2022

**Link to public documents:** No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

**Location of public documents:** South Washington Watershed District, 2302 Tower Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** South Washington Watershed District, [Matt Moore](#), 651-714-3729

## Dodge County Wind Project

**Location:** Dodge, Mower, and Steele Counties

**Process:** Alternative review

**Notice title:** Corrected - Notice of Rescheduled Public Information and EA Scoping Meetings

**Notice description:** NOTE: In the April 14, 2022, Notice of Rescheduled Public Information & Environmental Assessment Scoping Meetings, the dates of the meetings were listed incorrectly. This notice has been updated with the correct dates. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce will jointly hold public information and scoping meetings on May 10 and 11, 2022, Written comments are accepted through Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following means:

Online: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment>

Email: [suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us](mailto:suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us)

US Mail: Suzanne Steinhauer, Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul MN 55101

Fax: 651-539-0109

**Project description:** Dodge County Wind, LLC (DCW or applicant), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC proposes to construct, own, and operate the up to 259 megawatt (MW) Dodge County Wind Farm in Dodge and Steele counties and approximately 26.8 miles of 161 kV transmission line in Dodge and Mower counties (Project). The Project would include a mix of up to 79 2.52 MW and 3.4 MW turbines. The 11 GE 2.52 MW turbines have a total height of 486.5 feet from ground to tip. DCW proposes to use two configurations of the GE 3.4 turbines: eight (8) with a total height of 495 feet, and 60 with a total height of 551 feet. Additionally, the Project will include a collector substation, collection lines, an operation and maintenance building, a permanent meteorological tower, and gravel access roads. The associated 161 kV transmission line would connect the wind farm to the Pleasant Valley substation in Mower County.

**Link to public documents:** [Dodge County Wind Project documents](#)

**Location of public documents:** Dodge Center Public Library, 13 1st Ave NW, Dodge Center, MN 55927

**First public meeting date, time, location:** May 10, 2022, 1 p.m., Kasson State Theater, 221 W Main St., Kasson, MN 55944

**First public meeting additional details:** To find out if a meeting is canceled. Call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc)

**Second public meeting date, time, location:** May 10, 2022, 6 p.m., Kasson State Theater, 221 W Main St., Kasson, MN 55944

**Second public meeting additional details:** To find out if a meeting is canceled. Call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc)

**Third public meeting date, time, location:** May 11, 2022, 6 p.m., virtual

**Third public meeting virtual link:** <https://minnesota.webex.com>

**Third public meeting additional details:** Telephone Number: 1-855-282-6330 Event Password, if needed: MnPUC! (667820 on the telephone) Access Code: 2488 670 3459

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Public Utilities Commission, [Charley Bruce](#), 651-201-2251

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## ***General notices***

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

### **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-21. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000214560. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 195 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), PQ (Product Quality), OO (Other). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

### **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** USDA Agricultural Research Service filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-22. Notification is for genetically modified ALFALFA, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206790. The counties identified for release include the following: Ramsey-1 location with 0.25 acres. Project categories include MG (Marker Gene) and OO (Other). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

### **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Mozza Foods, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-23. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000213424. The counties identified for release include the

following: Clay-1 location with 0.3 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and OO (Other). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** BioGemma USA Corp filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-24. Notification is for genetically modified WHEAT, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000208528. The counties identified for release include the following: Benton-2 sites with 2 acres per site and Swift-1 site with 2 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Performance), FR (Fungal Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and VR (Viral Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-25. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206800. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 15 acres, Faribault-1 site with 15 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Mower-1 site with 15 acres, and Rice-1 site with 15 acres. Project categories include IR (Insect Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-26. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS

Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000 206788. The counties identified for release include the following: Freeborn-1 site with 5 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), and MG (Marker Gene). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-27. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206801. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 15 acres, Faribault-1 site with 15 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Mower-1 site with 15 acres, and Rice-1 site with 15 acres. Project categories include PQ (Product Quality) and OO (Other). For additional information contact Denise Thiede. **Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-28. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206799. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 15 acres, Faribault-1 site with 15 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Mower-1 site with 15 acres, and Rice-1 site with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and IR (Insect Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-29. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206771. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 15 acres, Faribault-1 site with 15 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Mower-1 site with 15 acres, and Rice-1 site with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-30. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206770. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 15 acres, Faribault-1 site with 15 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Mower-1 site with 15 acres, and Rice-1 site with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and IR (Insect Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-31. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206768. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 15 acres, Faribault-1 site with 15 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Mower-1 site with 15 acres, and Rice-1 site with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and IR (Insect Resistance). For additional



information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** Syngenta filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-32. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000206773. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 15 acres, Faribault-1 site with 15 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 15 acres, Mower-1 site with 15 acres, and Rice-1 site with 15 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and IR (Insect Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

## **Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

**Notice description:** KWS Seeds LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-33. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in the following permit identified as AUTH – 0000210514. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-3 sites with 10 acres/site and 1 site with 20 acres; Goodhue-2 sites with 10 acres/site. Project categories include OO (Other) and MG (Marker Gene). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

**Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-402-3149

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## **Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor***

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To submit a notice for publication:

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